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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

DIRKMANN ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/284,581

Filed: April 15, 1999

For: METHOD OF HANDLING
SERVICE CONNECTIONS IN A
COMMUNICATION NETWORK

Art Unit: 2666

Examiner: I.P. Mehra

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 28, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection of claims 6-18 in the above-identified application for the reasons as set forth below.

No extension of time or other fees are believed to be due, except as detailed in the attached documents. However, any extension of time necessary to prevent abandonment is hereby requested, and any fee necessary for consideration of this response is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account Number 50-1390.

Amendments to the Claims: none made, but the listing of the claims is provided beginning on page 2.

Remarks: begin on page 6 of this paper.